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Sirhan Sirhan Costly Prisoner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It cost $285,949 through Sept. 30 to jail and start prosecution of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, charged with the June 5 slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the county says. Sirhan's trial is scheduled for Dec. 9.

Auditor-Controller Mark Bloodgood set the figure yesterday in a memo to a county supervisor. Much of the cost was attributed to alterations at the Hall of Justice and jail to protect Sirhan and to preparation of a small courtroom for the trial. Overtime for sheriff's deputies to guard Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian, was listed at $82,242.